

**ON THE BOUNDEDNESS OF
HARDY-LITTLEWOOD MAXIMAL
OPERATOR AND SAWYER'S CONDITION**

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1. Introduction

Let f be a locally integrable function in R^n . For $x \in R^n$,

$$\mathcal{M}f(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y)| dy,$$

where the supremum is taken over all cubes Q containing x and $|Q|$ stands for the Lebesgue measure of Q . This operator \mathcal{M} is called the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator. By many authors such as C. Fefferman, E.M. Stein and E.T. Sawyer are studied this maximal operator, singular integral and interpolation between function space e.t.c, \dots ([1],[2],[3],[6],[8]). In this many problem, there is boundedness of Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator i.e.,

Given p ($1 < p < \infty$), determine those pairs of weights on R^n . (u, w) , for which \mathcal{M} is of strong type (p, p) with respect to the pair of measures $(u(x)dx, w(x)dx)$, that is, for which we have an inequality:

$$\left(\int_{R^n} (\mathcal{M}f(x))^p u(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C \left(\int_{R^n} |f(x)|^p w(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

In [5], This answer is provided by the S_p theory.

In this paper, we will prove this inequality by generalization $\mathcal{M}_s f$ instead of $\mathcal{M}f$.

2. Preliminaries

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For locally integrable function f in R^n and $x \in R^n$, we will denote $\mathcal{M}_s f$ as generalization of $\mathcal{M}f$. i.e. ,

$$\mathcal{M}_s f(x) = \left(\sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y)|^s dy \right)^{\frac{1}{s}}, \quad 1 \leq s.$$

Also, given a cube Q_0 that is "right open", we choose a system of coordinates of R^n with respect to Q_0 is $[0, 1)^n$. A cube Q is then a dyadic cube with respect to Q_0 if it is of the form $Q = \{x \in R^n : x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) | k_i 2^{-k} \leq x_i < (k_i + 1) 2^{-k}\}$, where the k_i 's and k range over integer Z . By a basis in R^n , we denote \mathcal{D} by the collection of the open dyadic cubes. The properties of dyadic cube is in [4] and [5]. Dyadic maximal operator $\mathcal{N}f$ is Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator with dyadic cube.

Let dx denote Lebesgue measure on R^n . We denote by $\omega : R^n \rightarrow R$ a weight; that is, a positive, measurable, and locally integrable function. Also, we shall write $\omega(Q) = \int_Q \omega(x) dx$ when $Q \subset R^n$ is measurable. For $1 < p < \infty$, couple of weights (u, w) satisfies the *Sawyer's* condition (S_p condition) if $(\frac{\sigma(Q)}{|Q|})^p u(Q) = \int_Q |\mathcal{M}(\sigma \chi_Q)(x)|^p u(x) dx \leq C \sigma(Q)$, where $\sigma = w^{\frac{-1}{p}}$. Similarly, we define $S_{p,s}$, ($1 \leq s$) condition by $\int_Q |\mathcal{M}_s(\sigma^{\frac{1}{s}} \chi_Q)(x)|^{ps} u(x) dx \leq C \sigma(Q)$. This S_p condition is stronger than A_p condition ([5],[9]). However, for $u = w$, we know that S_p is equivalent to A_p ([5]). This A_p condition is related to the weak type of maximal operator.

3. Results

LEMMA 1. For every integer k , every locally integrable function f in R^n and $x \in R^n$:

$$\mathcal{M}_s^{(2^k)} f(x) \leq 2^{\left(\frac{2n+s+n_s}{s}\right)} \frac{1}{|Q(0, 2^{k+2})|} \int_{Q(0, 2^{k+2})} (\tau_{-t} \circ \mathcal{N}_s \circ \tau_t) f(x) dt,$$

where $\tau_t g(x) = g(x - t)$.

Proof. Since

$$\begin{aligned} (\tau_{-t} \circ \mathcal{N}_s \circ \tau_t) f(x) &= \mathcal{N}_s(\tau_t f)(x+t) \\ &= \left(\sup_{x+t \in Q \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y-t)|^s dy \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \\ &= \left(\sup_{x \in Q-t, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q-t} |f(z)|^s dz \right)^{\frac{1}{s}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\tau_{-t} \circ \mathcal{N}_s \circ \tau_t$ is simply the operator $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{D}-t, s}$ associated to the basis $\mathcal{D}-t$ formed by the cubes $Q-t$ with Q dyadic, that is, the translates by $-t$ of the dyadic cubes. Given k, f and x , by definition of $\mathcal{M}_s^{(2^k)} f(x)$, there will exist a cube R of side length $\leq 2^k$ such that $x \in R$ and

$$\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}_s^{(2^k)} f(x) \leq \left(\frac{1}{|R|} \int_R |f(y)|^s dy \right)^{\frac{1}{s}}.$$

Let j be an integer such that $2^{j-1} < \text{side length of } R \leq 2^j$, where $j \leq k$. Consider the set Ω consisting of those $t \in Q(0, 2^{k+2})$ for which there is some $Q \in \mathcal{D}-t$ with side length equal to 2^{j+1} and such that $R \subset Q$. For every $t \in \Omega$,

we have;

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}_s^{(2^k)} f(x) &\leq \left(\frac{1}{|R|} \int_R |f(y)|^s dy \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{2^{2n}}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y)|^s dy \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \\ &\leq 2^{\frac{2n}{s}} (\tau_{-t} \circ \mathcal{N}_s \circ \tau_t) f(x). \end{aligned}$$

Since geometrical observation that the measure of Ω is at least $2^{(k+2)n} = \frac{|Q(0, 2^{k+2})|}{2^n}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_s^{(2^k)} f(x) &\leq 2^{\left(\frac{2n+s}{s}\right)} \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} (\tau_{-t} \circ \mathcal{N}_s \circ \tau_t) f(x) dt \\ &\leq 2^{\left(\frac{2n+s+ns}{s}\right)} \frac{1}{|Q(0, 2^{k+2})|} \int_{Q(0, 2^{k+2})} (\tau_{-t} \circ \mathcal{N}_s \circ \tau_t) f(x) dt. \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 2. ([7]) Let $1 \leq s < p < \infty$ and (u, w) be a couple of weights in R^n . Then, the following two conditions are equivalent: (a) \mathcal{N}_s is bounded from $L^{p_s}(w)$ to $L^{p_s}(u)$ (b) There is a constant C such that, for every dyadic cube Q :

$$\int_Q |\mathcal{N}_s(\sigma^{\frac{1}{s}} \chi_Q)(x)|^{p_s} u(x) dx \leq C \sigma(Q).$$

THEOREM 3. Let $1 \leq s < p < \infty$ and (u, w) be a couple of weights in R^n . Then, the following two conditions are equivalent: (a) \mathcal{M}_s is bounded from $L^{p_s}(w)$ to $L^{p_s}(u)$ (b) $(u, w) \in S_{p_s}$ condition for maximal operator \mathcal{M}_s :

$$\int_Q |\mathcal{M}_s(\sigma^{\frac{1}{s}} \chi_Q)(x)|^{p_s} u(x) dx \leq C \sigma(Q) < \infty, \quad \sigma = w^{\frac{-1}{p-1}}.$$

Proof. That (a) implies (b) is almost immediate. If (a) holds, we have an inequality

$$\int_{R^n} |\mathcal{M}_s f(x)|^{p_s} u(x) dx \leq C \int_{R^n} |f(x)|^{p_s} w(x) dx$$

valid for every function f . If we apply this inequality to the function $f = \sigma^{\frac{1}{s}} \chi_Q$, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{R^n} |\mathcal{M}_s(\sigma^{\frac{1}{s}} \chi_Q)|^{p_s} u(x) dx &\leq C \int_Q \sigma(x)^p w(x) dx \\ &= C \sigma(Q). \end{aligned}$$

So weights (u, w) are in S_{p_s} class for maximal operator \mathcal{M}_s . Now, we show that (b) implies (a). But, after Lemma 1, the boundedness of \mathcal{M}_s is equivalent to the uniformly boundedness of operators $\tau_{-t} \circ \mathcal{N}_s \circ \tau_t$ for $t \in R^n$. Since

$$\int_{R^n} |(\tau_{-t} \circ \mathcal{N}_s \circ \tau_t) f(x)|^{p_s} u(x) dx = \int_{R^n} |\mathcal{N}_s(\tau_t f)(y)|^{p_s} u(y-t) dy$$

and

$$\int_{R^n} |f(x)|^{p_s} w(x) dx = \int_{R^n} |\tau_t f(y)|^{p_s} w(y-t) dy,$$

we see that the uniform boundedness of the operator $\tau_{-t} \circ \mathcal{N}_s \circ \tau_t$ between $L^{p_s}(w)$ to $L^{p_s}(u)$ is equivalent to the fact that the couple $(\tau_t u, \tau_t w)$ satisfy condition (b) in theorem 2 with a constant independent of t . But this fact follows quite easily from our condition (b). Indeed, for every t in R^n and any dyadic cube Q , we have;

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q |\mathcal{N}_s((\tau_t \sigma^{\frac{1}{s}}) \chi_Q)(x)|^{p_s} (\tau_t u)(x) dx &= \int_Q |\mathcal{N}_s(\tau_t(\sigma^{\frac{1}{s}} \chi_{Q-t}))(x)|^{p_s} u(x-t) dx \\ &= \int_{Q-t} |(\tau_{-t} \circ \mathcal{N}_s \circ \tau_t)(\sigma^{\frac{1}{s}} \chi_{Q-t})(y)|^{p_s} u(y) dy \\ &\leq \int_{Q-t} |\mathcal{M}_s(\sigma^{\frac{1}{s}} \chi_{Q-t})(y)|^{p_s} u(y) dy \\ &\leq C \sigma(Q-t) \\ &= C \int_{Q-t} \sigma(x) dx \\ &= C(\tau_t \sigma)(Q). \end{aligned}$$

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